

CHILD IN NEED OF AID (CINA)

A child will be declared a Child in Need of Aid if the child has been subjected to one or more of the following:

1. A parent has **abandoned** the child and the other parent is absent or also caused the child to be a CINA;
2. A parent is **incarcerated** and the other parent is absent or also caused the child to be a CINA, and the incarcerated parent failed to make adequate arrangements for child.
3. A **custodian** with whom the parent left the child is unwilling or unable to care for the child, and the whereabouts of the parent are unknown.
4. **Medical neglect** - a parent has knowingly failed to provide medical treatment for the child's physical or mental injury.
5. The child is a **runaway** and the child's conduct places the child at risk of physical or mental injury.
6. The child has suffered, or is at risk of suffering, substantial **physical harm** based on a parent's conduct or conditions created by a parent or from lack of supervision.
7. The child has suffered, or is at risk of suffering, **sexual abuse** based on a parent's conduct or conditions created by a parent or from lack of supervision; knowingly leaving the child with a sex offender is prima facie evidence of risk of sexual abuse.
8. The child has suffered, or is at risk of suffering, **mental injury**, including exposure to domestic violence.
9. A parent has **neglected** the child or another child in the household.
10. A parent's **substance abuse** substantially impairs the ability to parent and results in substantial risk of harm; relapse within one year after a CINA case is closed is prima facie evidence of risk of harm.
11. A parent's **mental illness**, serious emotional disturbance, or mental deficiency is of a nature and duration that places the child at substantial risk of physical harm or mental injury.
12. The child has committed **delinquent acts** as a result of pressure, guidance, or approval from a parent.

A child will not be declared a CINA **solely** on the basis that the child's family is poor, lacks adequate housing, or has a lifestyle different from the generally accepted lifestyle standard of the community.